

Senate District G

Gini King-Taylor, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: November 28, 1945

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 27 years
Wasilla 1990 to present
Glacier View 1986-1990
Kodiak Villages 1978-1986
Sand Point 1977-1978

OCCUPATION:

Writing Consultant; Producer for Sundog Films Alaska, Inc; Retired Teacher (1999)

EDUCATION:

Seton Hall High School, 1959-1963, High School, New York State Regents Diploma; St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, 1963-1969, B.S. Elementary Education/English; University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1975-1976, M.Ed Educational Psychology/Reading Disabilities.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Teaching profession 32 years; Member Alaska 2000 Standards Development Committee; Member MSBSD Language Arts Curriculum Committee; President Alaska Council of Teachers of English; Vice President Alaska

Reading Association; Member Alaska State Curriculum Cabinet; Board Member Alaska State Writing Consortium; Committee Member Alaska State Learning Disabilities Regulations, State Department of Education; Certifications: Special Education, K-12 Reading Specialist, Elementary Teacher.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family activities; reading/writing; white water kayaking; hiking; traveling.

OTHER:

Church; Mat-Su schools; recycling; community events; campaigns.

STATEMENT:

Our Valley deserves to have legislative respect for our private property rights. I believe more job opportunities through resource development, balanced with local input and control, are crucial for the long-range health of our economy.

Our Valley deserves a Legislature that works in the open. I know, from experience, that government works best when people of differing political views are willing to work together. Under my direction, two community-based issues were realized. A more rigorous educational program was started at Palmer High School, and an amplified sound ordinance passed, Borough-wide.

Our Valley deserves a responsible State fiscal plan. This would protect the PFD, explore the development of a gas pipeline valuing local hires, and encourage business growth. Cuts to essential services, such as education, road maintenance, health and safety programs, and support for seniors need to be restored. Passing funding for these services onto our local government is resulting in increased property taxes. Relying primarily on fluctuating oil prices to determine whether the budget crisis is over or not needs to change.

This election has far reaching consequences for the Valley. Do we want the status quo, or new, vigorous leadership sent to Juneau? What is needed for legislative action to work across the ideological aisle is an open-door dialog. I will bring to the table diverse thinking, and I will provide the needed leadership to work towards the best future for all of our residents. **It is time for a change, and together, we can make that change.**

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